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In re Patent Application of:

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For: METHOD FOR REDUCING OBSTRUCTIVE

HYDROCEPHALUS

Examiner: R. A. Davis

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

By this Office Action, the Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 1-25, 36 and 38, drawn to a method for reducing CSF flow obstruction.
- II. Claims 26 35 and 37, drawn to a kit.

Responsive to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects to prosecute the invention of Group I directed to a method for reducing CSF flow obstruction, corresponding to claims 1-25, without traverse.

Consistent with this restriction requirement a species election is also required as between claims of Group I: clot reducing agent (claims 4-25) and Group II clot reducing agent (claims 28-35). Applicant elects the clot reducing agent of Group I (claims 4-25). Claims 1-25, 36, and 38 are consonant with this election.

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